Subject: Picture of the Bechtler Mint at Rutherfordton, NC.

Rankin, R.W. (+ Mrs., his wife)
[Gastonia, N.C.]

1930

321 Fairmount
Ave.
Jersey City, N.J.
May 13, 1930

Mr. Wood
American Numismatic Society
Broadway and 156th St.
New York City —

My dear Mr. Wood:-

I am
writing, as you suggested
over the phone, about a
picture of the Bechtler mint
at Rutherfordton, N.C.
My husband,
R. W. Rankin of Bayce and

Rankin, a company which publishes weekly in North Carolina newspapers, a picture and short article about historical, industrial, etc. facts about North Carolina has asked me to get in touch with you.

He wants a good picture of the press as well as the Davis made but is especially interested in the press. He says a snap shot or post card will not do and is willing to pay for one made. He suggests if you do not have one that possibly you

way knows of a photographer who has one the might sell. He would like a picture about 5 by 7 inches -

I am enclosing an addressed stamped envelope and would appreciate it so much if you would write him particulars as soon as possible as he needs the picture now.

Your society will be given credit for any picture you send him -

Thanking you, I am

Very truly yours,

Helen P. Rankin

(Mrs. R. W. Rankin)

Telephone Bergen 1451

May 14, 1930

Mr. R.W. Rankin
Boyce & Rankin
Gastonia, N. C.

Dear Sir:

Your wife telephoned me yesterday requesting a photograph of the Bechtler press now in our possession. I am enclosing the only two photographs we have and I trust that they will answer your purpose. I would be grateful if you could return one or both when you are finished with them. At the present moment I cannot rephotograph this press as it is packed away due to new building operations and the subsequent changes.

There will be no charge for these photographs. Simply state - "IN THE POSSESSION OF THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, NEW YORK".

Very truly yours,

Curator.

BOYCE & RANKIN
"KNOW YOUR STATE"

GASTONIA, N. C.

May 16, 1930.

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator,
The American Numismatic Society,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Wood:

We wish to acknowledge receipt and thank you for supplying us with the photographs of the Bechtler press.

We shall be glad to give your society credit for supplying these pictures and to state that the press is now in your possession.

We are forwarding these pictures to our engraver today and just as soon as he makes the plates, they will be returned to you.

Again thanking you for this favor, we are

Very truly yours,
Boyce and Rankin,
BY R W Rankin

RWR/P

P. S. Our article, along with picture, will appear in seventy odd North Carolina newspaper during the fourth week in June and we shall forward you a copy.

Boyce and Rankin

May 19,1930

Boyce & Rankin
Gastonia, N. C.

Atten. R.W.Rankin

Gentlemen:

Thank you for your note of the 16th and for the promise to send us a copy of your article containing the picture of the Bechtler press. We should appreciate having it and will look forward to receiving it from you.

Very truly yours,

Curator.

BOYCE & RANKIN
"KNOW YOUR STATE"

GASTONIA, N. C.

June 27, 1930.

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator,
Broadway between 155th and 156th Sts.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Howland:

We are enclosing a copy of our article containing the picture of the Bechtler press which you were good enough to lend us. Our engraver did not give us a good job on this plate but suppose it will give the public some idea of an old press.

We are also enclosing your pictures and we certainly appreciate your kindness in allowing us the use of them.

The enclosed article appeared in seventy North Carolina newspapers and we believe it was appreciated by the newspaper readers.

Again thanking you, we are

Very truly yours,
Boyce and Rankin,
BY R. W. Rankin

RWR/P

July 1st 1930

Boyce & Rankin
Gastonia, N. C.

Atten. R.W. Rankin

Dear Sirs:

This is to acknowledge with thanks the return of the photographs of the Bechtler press, together with your article concerning it, which we are glad to have for our files.

Very truly yours,

Curator.